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LB 130  
LR 17

requested, the question is, the adoption of LR 17. All those in favor of adopting it vote aye, opposed vote no. Please record your vote on the adoption of LR 17, as presented by Senators Carsten and Vickers. Please record your vote on the resolution. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion prevails and the resolution is adopted. Next the Wesely motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move that LB 130 be rereferred from the Judiciary Committee to the Public Health and Welfare Committee. That motion was made yesterday and laid over pursuant to our rules.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Wesely. Please give him your attention. (Gavel.) Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we've had a lot of discussion on the ag land. We've had a lot of discussion on some resolutions. Now you get your first taste, for you ten freshmen, of a reference fight, which is always a good thing to have some experience in because they do come up from time to time. It's not a big issue. It's not a life and death issue, I guess. I guess it does refer, in part, to a question of life and death, but nevertheless, in my own estimation, it is not a big bill or a big issue. But there is a principle here that I wish to uphold and that is when a committee has had a subject area, when it's had a piece of legislation over the years, and has dealt with that legislation in an appropriate fashion, no matter how the feelings may be of certain members of this body on changing that situation, unless there is a good reason for that change, unless there is a systematic and consistent reason for that change, I think we ought to go with the present situation. That is what I'm asking you to consider today. The question before us is LB 130. It is a bill that deals with the Anatomical Gift Act. The Anatomical Gift Act is a piece of legislation passed back about 12 or 13 years ago, in 1971. It deals with people who, upon their death, wish to donate their bodies or organs in their bodies for science or donors for those people that have medical needs for that organ or what